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TION IN CLATSOP  
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## Smoking Jackets



ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO  
smoke to feel comfortable  
in a Smoking Jacket.

When you are invited out  
to dine a Tuxedo Coat and  
Vest is the proper caper.

But when you have supper at  
home, put on a Smoking Jacket  
and your Slippers; chances are  
that you'll feel so comfortable  
you won't go out.

WE HAVE THEM AT

### \$5 to \$10

Of course, there are lots of  
cheap ones made, but we sell  
only "good ones." They are the  
cheapest in the end.

*Herman Wise*  
THE RELIABLE  
CLOTHIER & HATTER

## OUR CHRISTMAS GOODS

Are arriving and will be ready for inspection in a few days.  
We will, as usual, have the largest and newest stock of Hol-  
iday goods in the city.

## Musical Instruments and Pictures BOOKS AND STATIONERY

Our Prices Cannot Be Beaten, Quality Considered

## J. N. GRIFFIN

SUCCESSOR TO GRIFFIN & REED

## BEE HIVE STORE NEWS

Special Prices This Week on

### Ladies' and Children's Furs

#### Girls' White Aprons

In Eight Different  
Dainty Styles

25c to \$1.40

They are the Prettiest Aprons  
We Have Seen

Ladies' White Muslin  
Underwear Lace Cor-  
set Covers

50c to \$1.50

#### Our \$1 Kid Gloves

For the Holiday Trade  
Are Guaranteed

The Very Best

Our Customers All Indorse  
This Statement

Ladies' and Men's Slippers

In High Novelties

Ladies' and Children's Coats  
Cheaper Than Elsewhere

## FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS OPENS

Sessions of Both House and Sen-  
ate of Short Duration—Bus-  
iness Purely Formal.

### RECEPTION TO HENDERSON

Galleries Were Crowded With  
Visitors and Flower Decora-  
tions Most Profuse in  
History of Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The sen-  
ate was in session 12 minutes today,  
the first day of the session, adjourn-  
ment being taken out of respect to the  
memory of Senator McMillan.

Rarely has the historic chamber pre-  
sented such an appearance as it did to-  
day. The custom of placing flowers  
on the desks of senators on the opening  
day of the session has long been fol-  
lowed, but the display today was ad-  
mittedly the most magnificent of any  
yet. The galleries were packed to  
overflow and hundreds stood outside  
the corridors anxious to gain admis-  
sion.

Among the interested spectators was  
Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister.  
The absence of Rev. Dr. Milburn, the  
blind chaplain, was particularly notic-  
ed. No business was transacted be-  
yond passing customary resolutions.

The opening of the 57th congress in  
the house was a spectacular event.  
The galleries of the freshly decorated  
hall were packed to the doors with peo-  
ple in society and political circles.

Speaker Henderson received a cor-  
dial reception as he assumed the gavel.  
The proceedings were purely perfunctory.  
Prayer, calling of roll, swearing  
in of members elected to fill vacancies,  
and the adoption of customary resolu-  
tions summarized what was done. Then  
the death of late Representative Rus-  
sell of Connecticut was announced, and  
the usual resolution of regret was  
adopted and the house adjourned.  
The session lasted less than an  
hour.

### READY FOR MESSAGE

President Roosevelt Will Commu-  
nicate With Congress Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The joint  
committee of the two branches of con-  
gress appointed to notify the president  
that congress was ready to receive any  
message he might have to deliver was  
informed that he would communicate  
with congress tomorrow.

### FOR PUBLIC ROADS.

Bill Introduced to Create New Bureau  
in Agricultural Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Representa-  
tive Brownlow introduced a bill to-  
day to create in the department of ag-  
riculture a bureau of public roads to  
secure uniformity in road construction  
and a uniform system of taxation for  
road purposes.

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The month-  
ly statement of government receipts and  
expenditures shows that for Novem-  
ber the total receipts were \$45,579,-  
091 and the disbursement was \$42,940,-  
257.

### DR. MILBURN IS ILL

Aged Blind Minister Unable To Con-  
tinue As Chaplain.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 1.—  
His health alone was the reason given  
for his resignation as chaplain of the  
United States senate by Rev. William  
Henry Milburn, "Blind Man Eloquent."  
Dr. Milburn is nearly 80 years of age  
and shows evidence of physical decline,  
although mentally he is clear and  
strong. He intends to remain in Santa  
Barbara until next summer when he  
will return to Washington if his  
physical condition permits.

### BLIND CHAPLAIN RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Rev. W.  
H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the  
senate, has forwarded his resignation  
to President Pro Tem Frye.

### REFUTES CHARGE OF FRAUD

Judgment Secured By Owners of Bonds  
Issued To Build Railroad.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1.—John B.  
Henderson of Washington, represent-  
ing owners of the famous St. Clair  
county bonds valued at \$34,000 issued  
in 1870 to build the Lebo and Neosho  
railroad, appeared in the United States  
district court today and refuted the  
charge that the bond issue was se-  
cured by fraud. Although bonds were  
sold the railroad was never built, and  
Henderson secured judgment for full

amount with interest which now  
amounts to over \$1,000,000.

### TRAVELING IN RUSSIA.

CAN BE DONE WITH ABOUT THE  
SAME COMFORT AS IN THE  
UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Charles W.  
Lower, the newly appointed ambassador  
to Germany, who is in Paris, is quoted  
in a dispatch from that city to the  
Herald as saying:

"Stories one hears about the difficul-  
ty and danger of traveling in Russia  
are, like most sensational things writ-  
ten and spoken about that country,  
absolutely invention. It is true that  
one requires a passport, but if it is  
properly used it is never looked at after  
one passes the border.

"Traveling in Russia is the most  
comfortable of all countries in Europe,  
and is attended with almost as great  
a degree of comfort as in the United  
States. Indeed, on some long distance  
trains they even have bath rooms. In  
a short time the service of the Russian  
railway trains will be as good as our  
own.

"Prince Khilkoff, minister of the  
ways and communications, had prac-  
tical experience in the railroad shops  
at Altoona, Pa., and has thoroughly  
studied American methods. The train  
service of Russia is modeled closely on  
American lines and whatever is best in  
ours is being adopted there.

"It is amazing even to the Russians  
themselves to behold the development  
of Siberia. Since the building of the  
trans-Siberian railway it is becoming  
a great grazing country. Dairies are  
springing up almost innumerable, and  
of butter, such vast quantities are be-  
ing made that ships have to be char-  
tered to transport it to other countries.  
Refrigerator cars are in the service  
built on the American plan, and Prince  
Khilkoff told me the other day that  
shipments of meat and poultry would  
soon be begun. Even now they send  
in eggs by the carload to St. Peters-  
burg, and thence to Reval and Riga to  
be shipped abroad."

### SMOOT'S CANDIDACY NOT

ADVOCATED BY CHURCH

Apostle Simply Has Same Privileges  
As Other Citizens—Practice of  
Polygamy Prohibited.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 1.—In an inter-  
view President Joseph Smith of the  
Mormon church, with respect to poly-  
gamy and the position of Apostle Reed  
Smoot, whose candidacy for the United  
States senate has resulted in an  
active campaign against him by the  
ministerial alliance, said:

"The church does not perform or au-  
thorize marriage in any form that is  
contrary to the laws of the land. When  
prohibition of polygamy was pro-  
claimed by the president of the Mor-  
mon church, there were many persons  
who had contracted plural marriages,  
and that relation has been continued in  
many instances, because men in that  
position determined not to abandon  
their families. This is erroneously con-  
sidered as practicing polygamy. It is  
not true that Smoot has been put for-  
ward by the church as a candidate for  
public office, but he has the same right  
that any other American citizen enjoys  
to accept any office to which his fel-  
low citizens may elect him."

### STEAMER AND CREW

LOST IN STORM

Fearful That Consort Schooner Met  
Same Fate—Tugs Are Dispatched  
in Search of Vessel.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 1.—  
In a terrible gale on Lake Superior  
Saturday night the steamer Charles  
Hebard was driven on the rocky shore  
at Point Mamaine and dashed to  
pieces.

Her crew of 12 men and a woman  
cook, have not been heard from and it  
is feared all have perished.

The schooner Aloha, one of the con-  
sorts which the Hebard had in tow,  
broke from the steamer and has not  
been heard of since. Little hope is  
entertained for her safety. The schoo-  
ners Warrington and Francomb, other  
vessels of the tow after breaking away  
from the steamer succeeded in reaching  
anchorage at Copper Mine point. The  
tugs General and Philadelphia were  
dispatched to bring the two schooners  
here and to search for the Aloha.

### SCANDAL IN PERU

Minister of Interior and Police Com-  
mittee Involved in Dispute.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A dispute has  
arisen between the minister of the in-  
terior and the police committee of the  
chamber of deputies, cables the Lima,  
Peru, correspondent of the Herald.  
The minister has demanded the deliv-  
ery of the records of the national  
electoral board. The police commit-  
tee has refused to do this except un-  
der the order of congress. The police  
invaded the building, causing a public  
scandal.

## CHANCES BETTER FOR CANAL TREATY

Colombian Minister at Washing-  
ton to Be Relieved Because  
of Unfriendly Policy.

### ACTED AS STUMBLING BLOCK

New Representative Will Be  
Clothed With Full Power  
to Hasten the Final  
Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Senor Con-  
cha has been relieved as minister for  
Colombia by orders from Bogota, and  
it is believed that Dr. Thomas Herran,  
the present secretary of legation here,  
will be accredited as minister to suc-  
ceed Senor Concha in the course of a  
few days. Meanwhile Dr. Herran has  
been clothed by his government with  
full authority to prosecute the negoti-  
ations looking to a canal treaty, with  
considerably enlarged powers.

Minister Concha having stood fast  
against strong representations from his  
own government favoring a treaty, the  
latter decided to place the further ne-  
gotiations in the hands of Dr. Herran.  
It is, of course, assumed from this  
change that the chances of the treaty  
have been bettered.

### DESTITUTE WOMAN MAKES

APPEAL FOR SHELTER

Bereft of Children By Flood and Hus-  
band By Murder, She Seeks Her  
Old Home in Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 1.—After  
seeing the lives of eight of her chil-  
dren swept out by the great Galveston  
tidal wave of September, 1901, and her  
husband, Richard Choate, foully mur-  
dered, Mrs. Betty Choate, after two  
years of mental darkness is on her way  
to her old home at Ludlow, Ky.

With the two children remaining to  
her, she travelled overland in a small  
wagon from Galveston to Louisville,  
making the journey in 10 weeks. On  
arriving here yesterday afternoon, the  
horse that has brought them the entire  
distance gave out and they were com-  
pelled to apply to the police for as-  
sistance. The horse and wagon were  
sheltered at the central station patrol  
stable. The penniless woman and her  
two children were given food and lodg-  
ing.

Today Mrs. Choate will be taken be-  
fore Mayor Granger and an effort will  
be made to procure transportation for  
the family and outfit to Ludlow.

### ALLEGED POISONER CONVICTED

After Third Trial Edward Simmons Is  
Adjudged Guilty as Charged.

BAKER CITY, Ore., Dec. 1.—Charles  
Edward Simmons has been convicted  
the second time on the charge of at-  
tempting to poison Lena Howell and  
Nora Wallace.

Simmons is alleged was once a  
lover of Lena Howell, but the young  
lady discarded him. On the 11th of  
June, 1900, Simmons sent powders to  
Miss Howell and Nora Wallace. The  
girls took the powders and became vi-  
olently ill. A doctor pronounced it  
arsenic. After suffering from a  
long and severe illness both girls re-  
covered.

The first trial resulted in a hung jury,  
but the second trial resulted in convic-  
tion and a sentence of three years to the  
penitentiary.

The case was appealed to the su-  
preme court where the verdict of the  
lower court was reversed. The trial  
just concluded is the third time the  
case has been tried.

### BREWERS COMPOSE TRUST

Missouri Court Renders Decision As  
to Legality of Combination.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1.—The Kan-  
sas City court of appeals today decided  
that a combination of brewers which  
exists in this city is a trust and as  
such it is expressly forbidden by the  
statutes of Missouri and is unlawful  
and that any man who owes one of  
these brewers in the combination need  
not pay his bill.

### CITIZENS MUST WALK

Street Car Men Denied Concessions,  
Go On Strike.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 1.—At a meet-  
ing of the streetcar workmen this  
morning it was resolved to go on strike  
at once as the result of the refusal of  
the Houston Electric company to grant  
an increase in the wages from 19 to 24  
cents an hour and recognition of the  
union.  
No cars are running this morning.

One hundred and thirty-five motormen  
and conductors are out. General Man-  
ager Payne asked for two weeks time  
in which to consult his principals but  
this was denied on the ground that  
he had ample opportunity. The streets  
are in awful shape after a rainy spell  
and the cars were the only means of  
transportation.

### THE UNPRINCIPLED TURK

Massacres in Macedonia Continue  
Without Abatement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Private tele-  
grams received in Geneva at the head-  
quarters of the Armenian refugees in  
Europe confirm the report of a massa-  
cre in Macedonia. Most of the lead-  
ers in the recent insurrection have  
been killed under various pretexts.  
Turkish troops formed cordons around  
villages, cutting off their communica-  
tions. It is feared a majority of the  
villagers have perished.

### BANNOCKBURN GIVEN UP

Tug Makes Diligent Search, But  
Finds No Trace of Steamer.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 1.—  
There is no longer hope for the safety  
of the steamer Bannockburn and its  
crew of 2 men. The death knell to the  
hopes of her owners and relatives of  
the crew was sounded today when a  
dispatch was received from the cap-  
tain of the tug Boynton stating that he  
had traversed the entire shore where  
the steamer was believed to have  
stranded and that no trace of the boat  
was discovered.

### REPORTER GETS FORTUNE

BUTTE, Dec. 1.—Through the death  
of his mother at Placerville, Calif.,  
Chas. Deigelman, a reporter on the  
Butte Miner, has fallen heir to a for-  
tune estimated at \$40,000.

### "ANTI-SALOON" DEFEATED

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 1.—The city  
election was an overwhelming defeat  
for the anti-saloon league.

## CHANGE OF FRONT IN VENEZUELA

Vigorous Measures Proposed by  
Foreign Powers to Collect  
Claims Are Averted.

### TROUBLE NOT ANTICIPATED

President Castro Yielded Be-  
cause of Belief United States  
Would Not Intercede in  
His Behalf.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—President Castro,  
of Venezuela, handed, probably on  
Thursday last, to the German minister  
at Caracas, a written acceptance of  
part of Germany's claims, sufficiently  
comprehensive to delay the presenta-  
tion of a joint ultimatum by Germany  
and Great Britain, if not rendering it  
altogether unnecessary. It is also un-  
derstood that Great Britain's demand  
will be satisfied.

Foreign Secretary Von Richthofen  
and the British Foreign Secretary Lord  
Lansdowne, are now in correspondence  
over Venezuela's change of front. This  
government considers that a peaceful  
settlement of the question in dispute is  
quite probable, and attributes Presi-  
dent Castro's yielding to the fact that  
he has become aware that the United  
States would not interpose any ob-  
stacle to the collection of the claims of  
Germany and Great Britain.

### CAPTAIN DROPS DEAD

Well Known Skipper of Asiatic Lines  
Dies in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—Captain Frank  
O. Parker of the ship Oriental, now at  
San Francisco, dropped dead of heart  
disease in his daughter's home yester-  
day. He was well known in all coast  
ports.

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